MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* furnishing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Opening of a School for Muslim Girls at Quilon.

50. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Muslims of Quilon have repeatedly prayed for an Elementary Girls' School at Quilon;

(*b*) whether they have taken any action on it; and

(*c*) whether the people have not even pointed out the site to the authorities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Petitions praying for the opening of an Elementary School for girls at Quilon have been received from the Muslims of the place.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The people pointed out two sites but neither of them is available for the school. The Inspectress of Girls' Schools has been asked to go into the matter.

Recruitment of Muslims to the Judicial Department.

51. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Muslim community has a real grievance as far as the recruitment to the Judicial Department is concerned?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Representations have been made to the Government that Muslims desire more appointments in the Department.

Applications from Muslims for Munsiffs' posts.

52. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that some of the qualified Muslims have applied for the posts of Munsiffs?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

Claims of Backward communities in the matter of Recruitment to Public Service.

53. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any truth in the statement that, in the matter of recruitment to public service, they specially consider the claims of backward communities; and

(*b*) whether they ever gave the Heads of Departments any intimation regarding preferential treatment in the case of backward communities when applications from different persons with necessary qualifications come before an officer who has the power to make appointments?

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* *Vide* Appendix II—page 78.

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, but with due regard to qualification and efficiency.

(*b*) Yes.

Paucity of Arabic Munshies in Schools.

54. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they know that there are many schools without Arabic *Munshies* in spite of the recommendations of the Inspector of Mahomedan Schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are aware that there are some schools which have not been provided with Arabic *Munshies*. The matter is receiving attention; but the number of these is small compared with the number of those that have been provided with such *Munshies*.

Teaching of Koran in Schools.

55. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that the teaching of Koran in schools is one of the best modes of encouragement for attracting Muslim students into schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഇപ്പോൾ ഈ പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളിൽ കൊറാൻ ടീച്ചേർസിനെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു മുസ്ലംവിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ അതിലേക്കാകർഷിക്കുന്നതിനല്ലേ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That seems to have been the idea.

Payment of Salaries to Teachers in Aided Schools.

56. **MR. L. R. RAJA RAJA VARMA KOILTAMPURAN** (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in many Aided Schools there is much grievance amongst the teachers in the matter of their pay not being disbursed properly and in time; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that in many such schools the pay actually disbursed to teachers is not the same as shown in the returns?

(2) Will they be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the arrears of pay in the several Aided Schools of the State at the end of the last academic year (1927-28)?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to arrange for all the accounts of these public institutions being audited at least once a year by Government Auditors?

(4) Will the Government be pleased to direct all the managers to deposit with the Government the sum to cover the monthly pay (and contributions to pension or permanent fund) of all teachers and to disburse the pay from the Government direct every month as to teachers in Government Schools?

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